explained that Government of India has started some schemes. What are those schemes? The Unemployment Guarantee Scheme which is being utilised in all States to give employment to all people. Second, the Prime Minister Road Scheme. That is being done and then we are giving extra funds of Rs. 45 crores to each of the States over and above what the Planning Ministry is giving to them to develop the areas which are on the border areas or which are affected by this border area. Then the land distribution has to be done by them; schools have to be started by them and hospitals have to be started by them. For that purpose, the funds are being given and those funds have to be utilised. Now what is required is to understand what is being done and utilise the money which is made available to the State Governments and to control it. This is exactly what is done. Hon'ble Member who has been holding a very important position in Andhra Pradesh must be knowing that these things are being done. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please let the Question Hour proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: He is saying Naxalism is not terrorism. ...*(Interruptions)*... How is it? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not your turn to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let the Question Hour proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let the Question Hour proceed ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Sir, it is obvious to me from the answer given by the hon. Home Minister that there is no distinction drawn between one form of terrorism and another. All terrorism is not of the same kind. There is terrorism of which we are victims in Kashmir which is purely politial and territorial. There are other forms of terrorism in which fortunately or unfortunately there are ideological, philosophic, social and economic underpinnings. You are treating everything as the same disease and, therefore, you are dealing with the symptoms and you are not dealing with the disease at all. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the philosophical and ideological underpinnings of other forms of terrorism in India have been studied by your Ministry and you are grappling with them?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, that has been done. Now, supposing there is a discussion on terrorism, not for 10 minutes or 15 minutes, and if I am asked to explain as to what is the policy or the philosophy the Government is adopting to deal with this kind of menace I will explain. But when I am replying to a specific quesiton, I am not expected to deal with all these aspects. When occasion arises, I will explain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

DR. V. MAITREYAN: Sir, it is very unfortunate that you are giving opportunity to ask questions only ...*(Interruptions)*... I am raising my hand for half an hour. This is very unfair. I want to protest against this. Only Members from congress and BJP do not exist in this House. From tomorrow, I will disrupt the Question Hour. ...*(Interruptions)*...

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Nexus between terrorist outfits and Maoists in Nepal

†*83. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) camps have been shifted from Bangladesh to Nepal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the terrorist outfits of North-East have a nexus with the Maoists of Nepal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Naxalites in India have a nexus with Maoists in Nepal and they are also imparted training from Nepal; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Government has no inputs about shifting of camps by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) from Bangladesh to Nepal. There is also no specific information or evidence about nexus between terrorist outfits of North Eastern States with Maoists of Nepal.

(c) and (d) Available inputs indicate that there are ideological and fraternal links between the Maoists of Nepal and Naxalite groups in India, but there is no specific evidence available of an operational or material relationship between them, including training.

Committee for upgradation of ITIs

*84. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any Committee for the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs);

(b) if so, the composition and the mandate of such Committee; and

(c) what is the level of participation of private sector in this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government of India took up upgradation of 500 Government ITIs in the country on the basis of budget speech of Union Finance Minister, 2004-05 as follows:

(a) Upgradation of 100 ITIs through domestic funding at a cost of Rs. 160 crore since 2005-06.

(b) Upgradation of 400 ITIs through World Bank assistance at a cost of Rs. 1581 crores since 2006-07.

Union Finance Minister announced upgradation of the remaining 1396 Government ITIs by providing an interest free loan of upto Rs. 2.5 crore per ITI in Public Private Partnership mode in his budget speech of 2007-08.

Under these Schemes, an Institute Management Committee (IMC) is being constituted in each ITI to accomplish the task of upgradation. IMCs are being headed by an Industry Partner. There are four other members from the Industry on the I.M.C. The remaining five members are from the Government and Principal of the ITI is the member secretary of the IMC.

The IMC has mandate for upgradation of training infrastructure in the ITI in such a way that the quality of training is good and demand responsive. The participation from the industry has been very enthusiastic so far. Though financial contribution is not a pre-condition for participation, many industry partners have come forward by way of equipment, tools, machinery as well as financial resources.

Under Scheme (b) and the Scheme "Upgradation of 1396 Govt. ITIs through PPP" National Steering Committees at Central level and State Steering Committees at State levels have also been constituted. Composition and functions of these committees are attached as Statement-I and II.